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(54) **CONTROL DEVICE FOR VEHICLE DRIVE SYSTEM**

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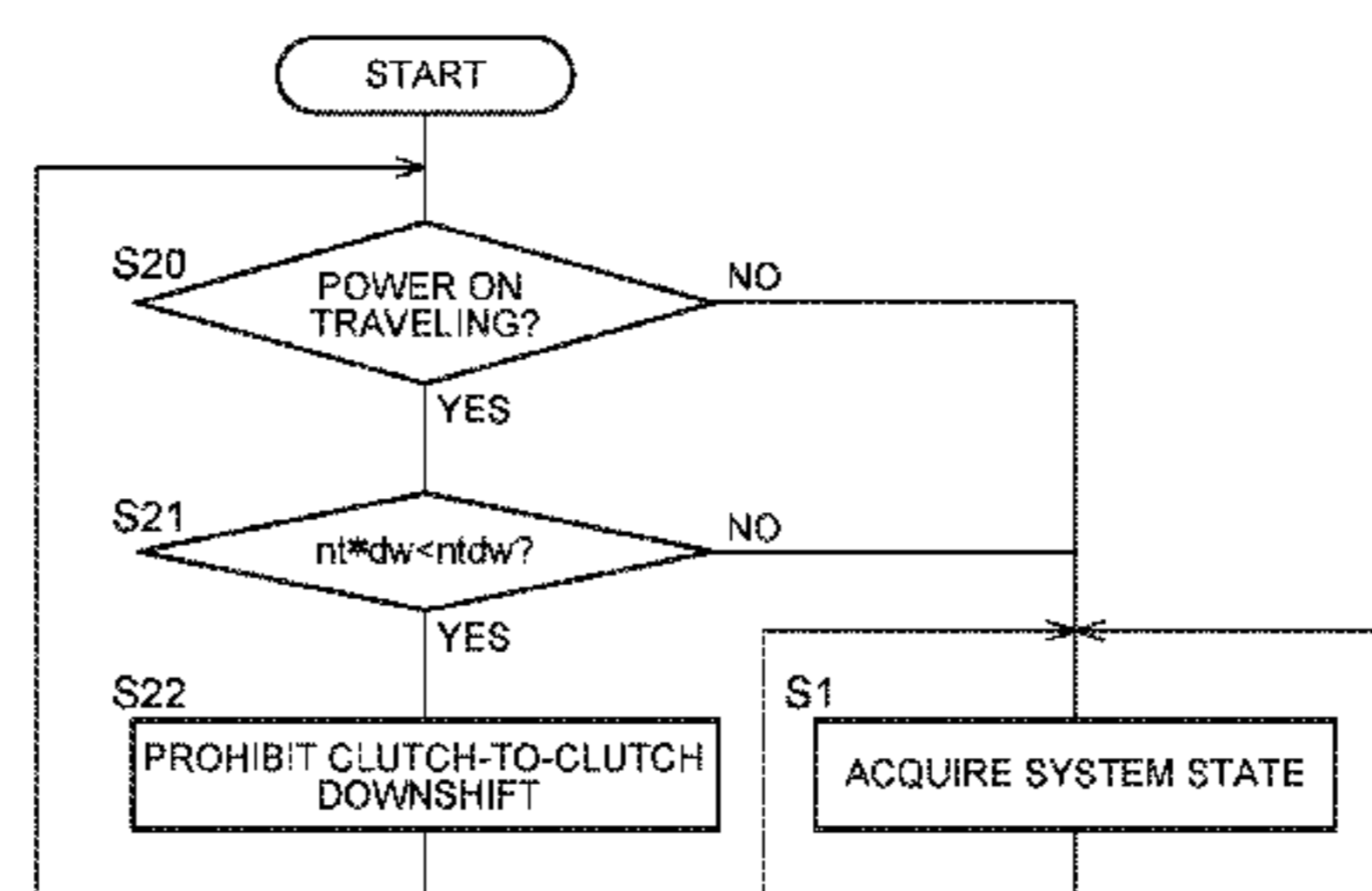
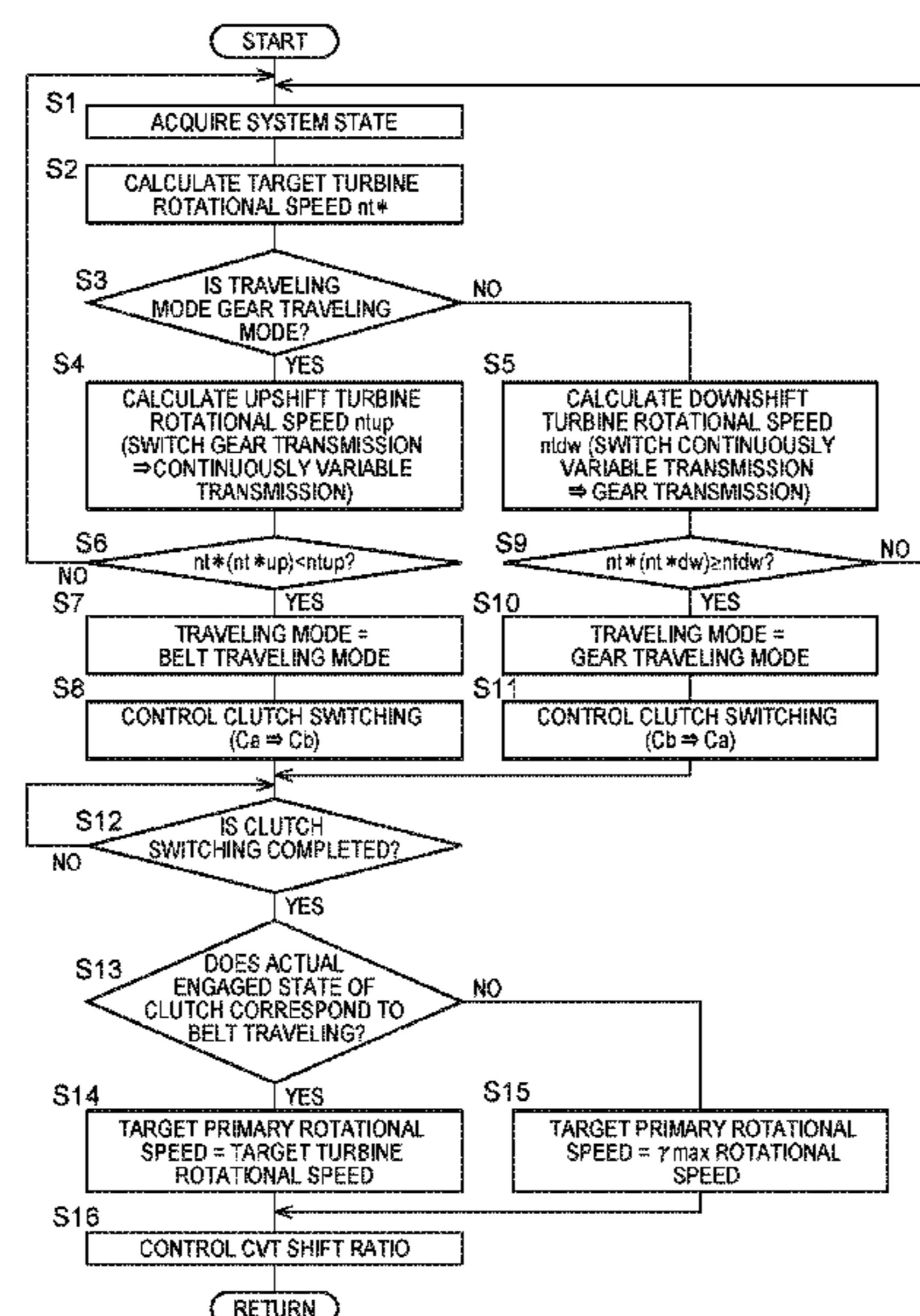
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ABSTRACT

An upshift target turbine rotational speed and a target primary rotational speed are calculated based on a target input shaft rotational speed restricted in a range of an upper limit guard value to a lower limit guard value. Thus, the difference between the upshift target turbine rotational speed and the target primary rotational speed is suitably decreased. When a torque transmission path is switched from a second transmission path to a first transmission path, the difference between an actual turbine rotational speed at a switching start time point and the actual turbine rotational speed at a switching completion time point is reduced.

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FIG. 1

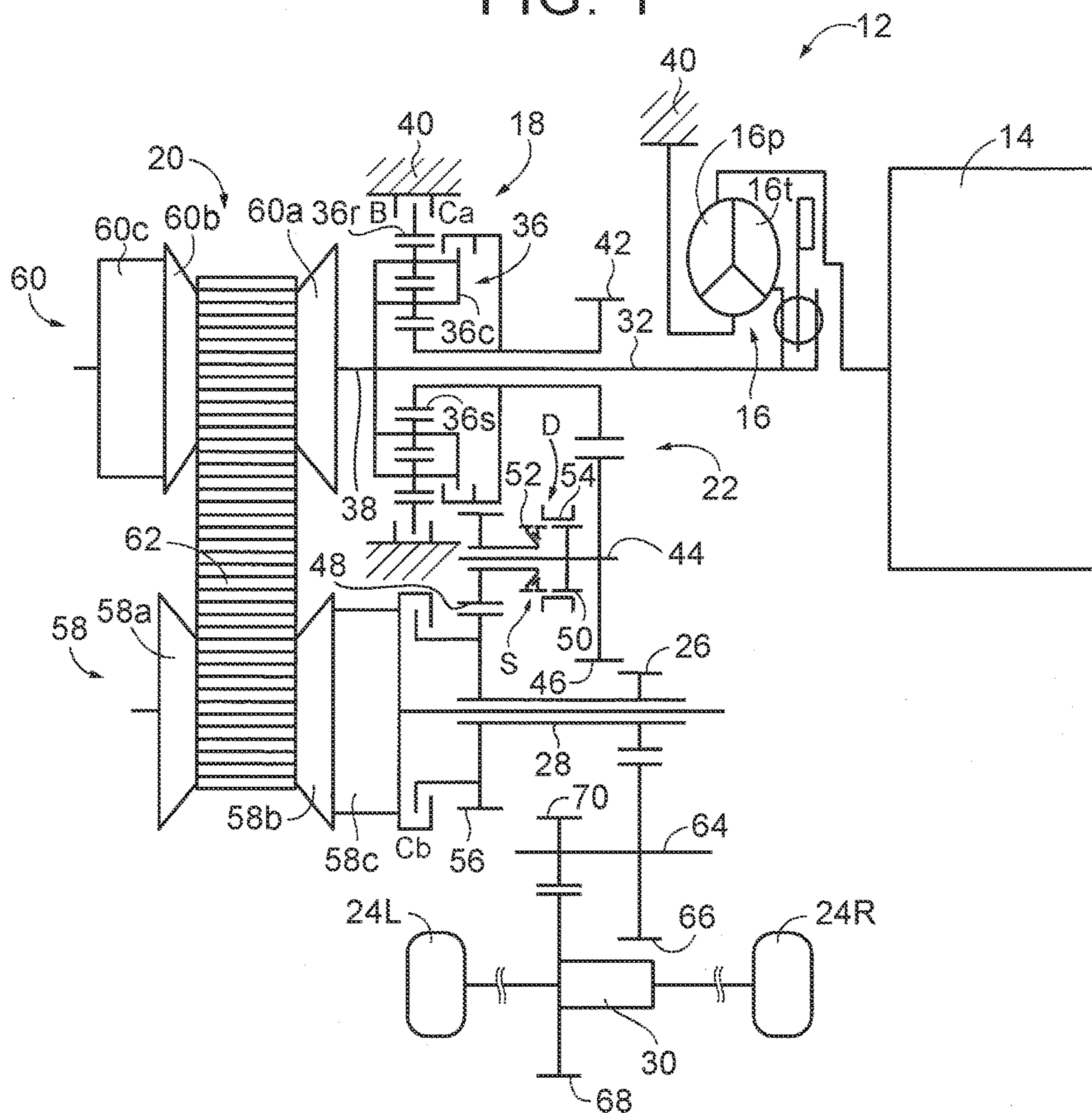


FIG. 2

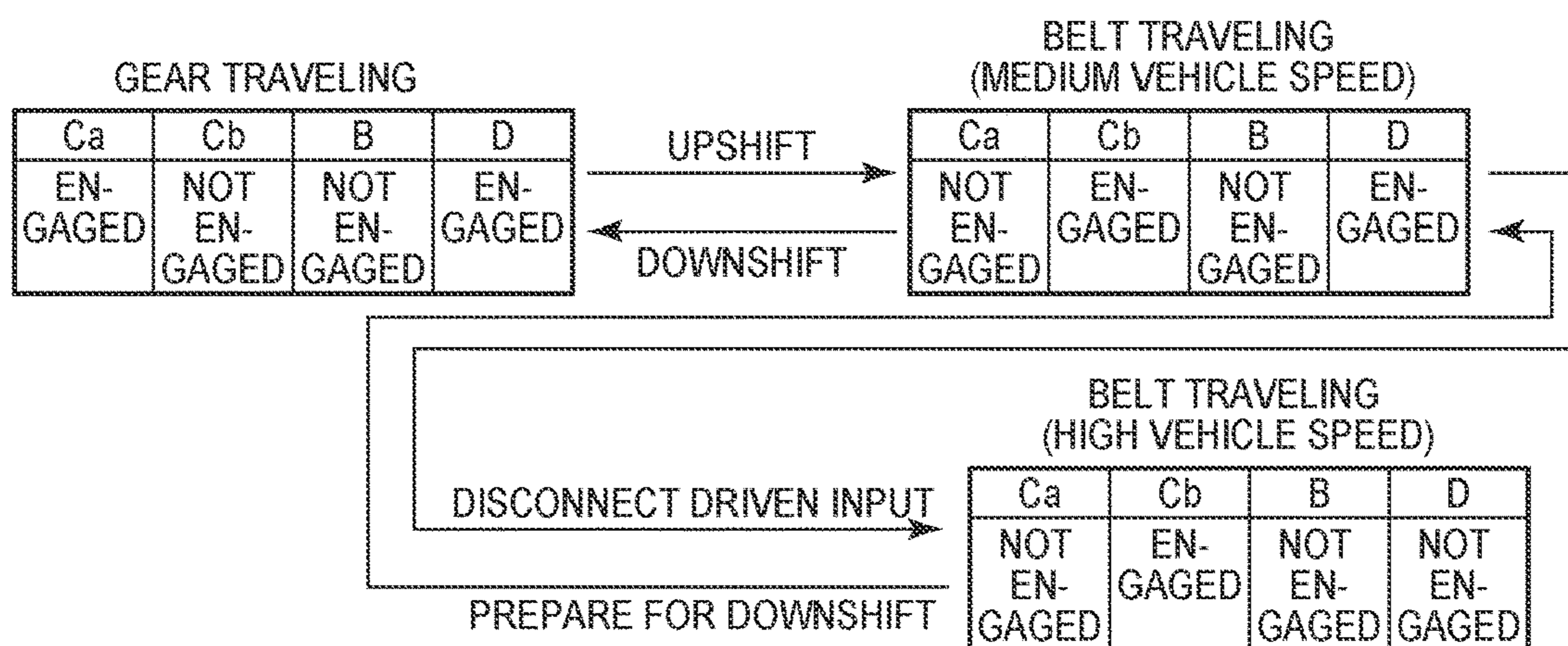
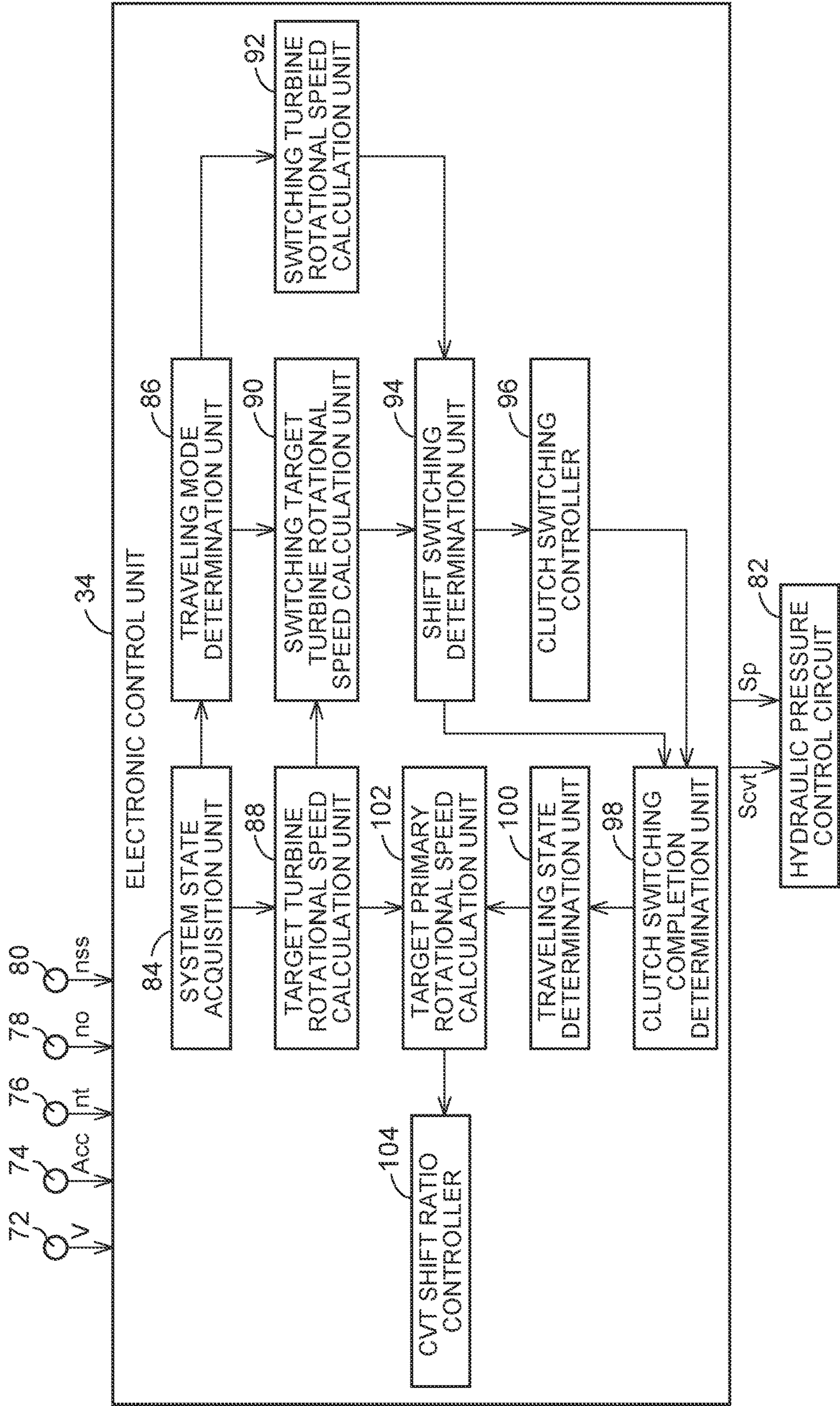


FIG. 3



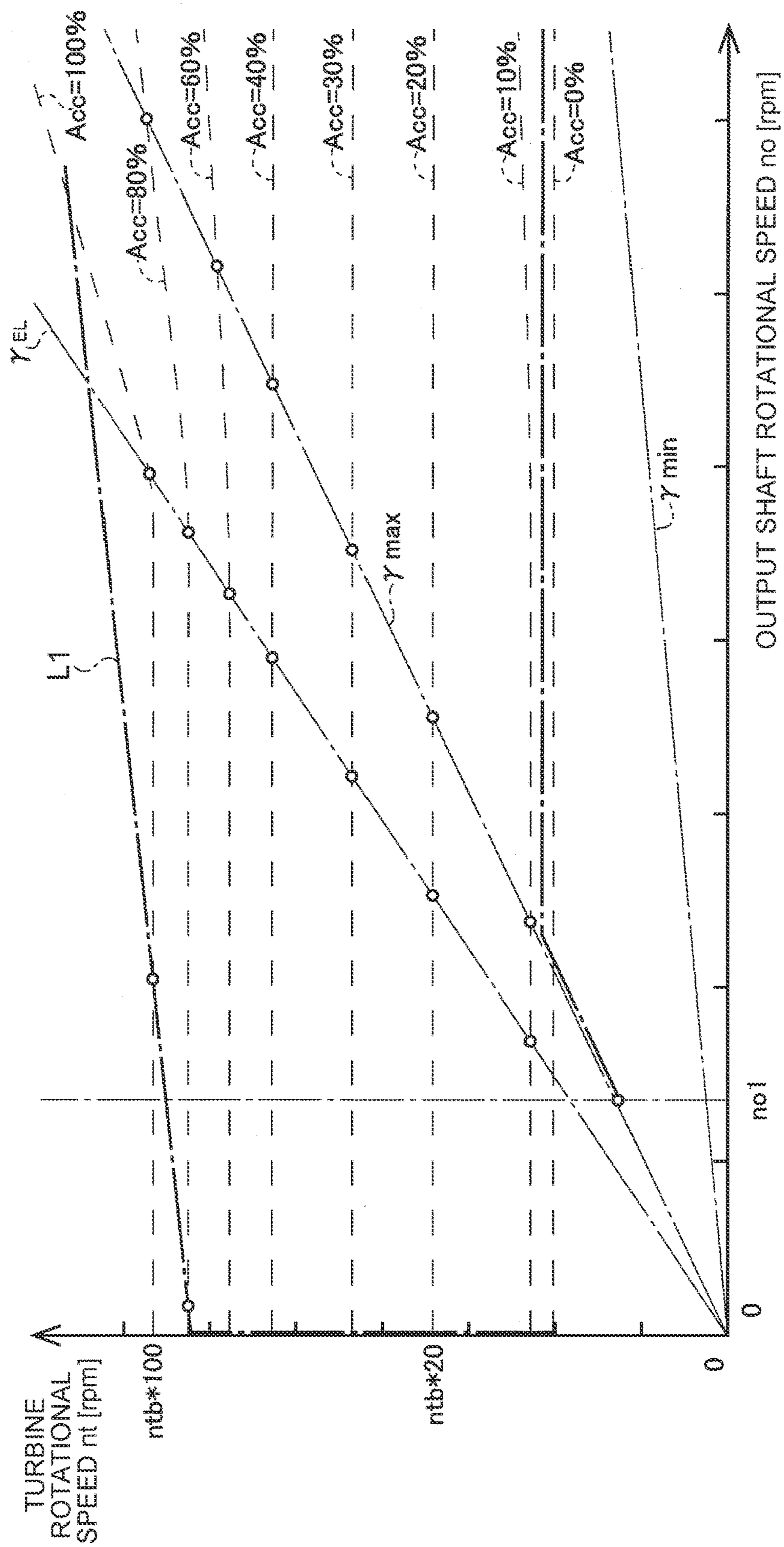


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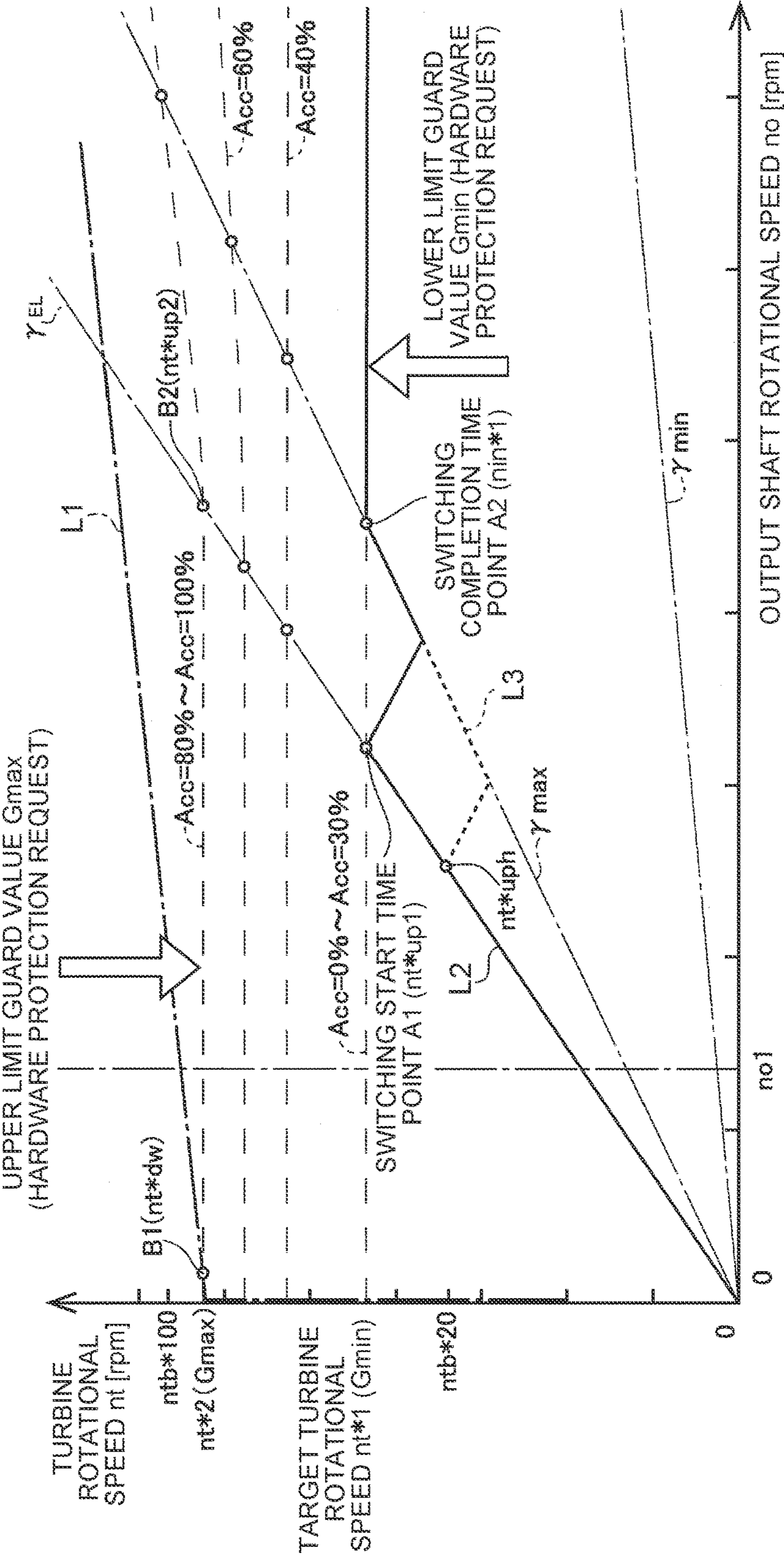


FIG. 6

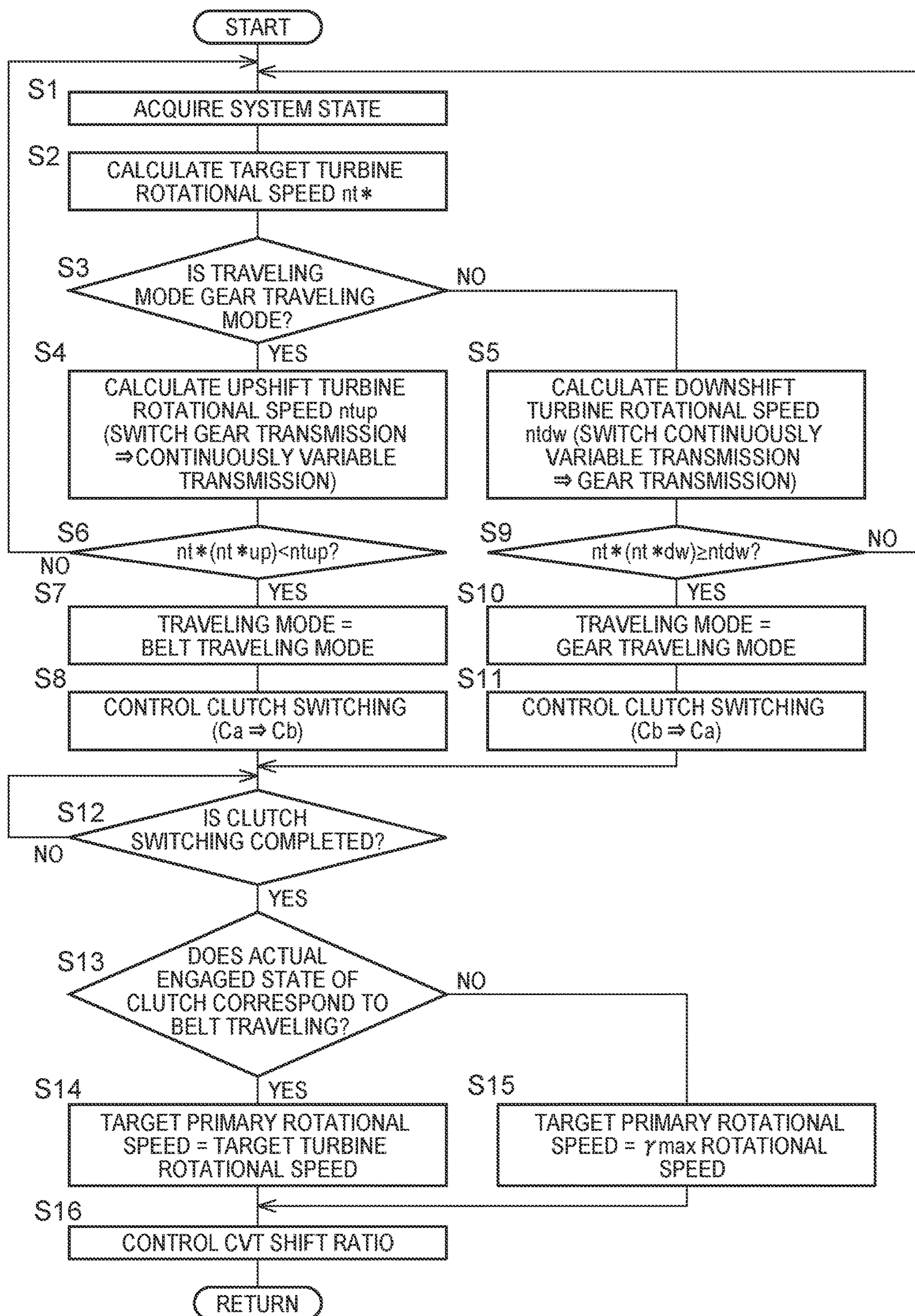
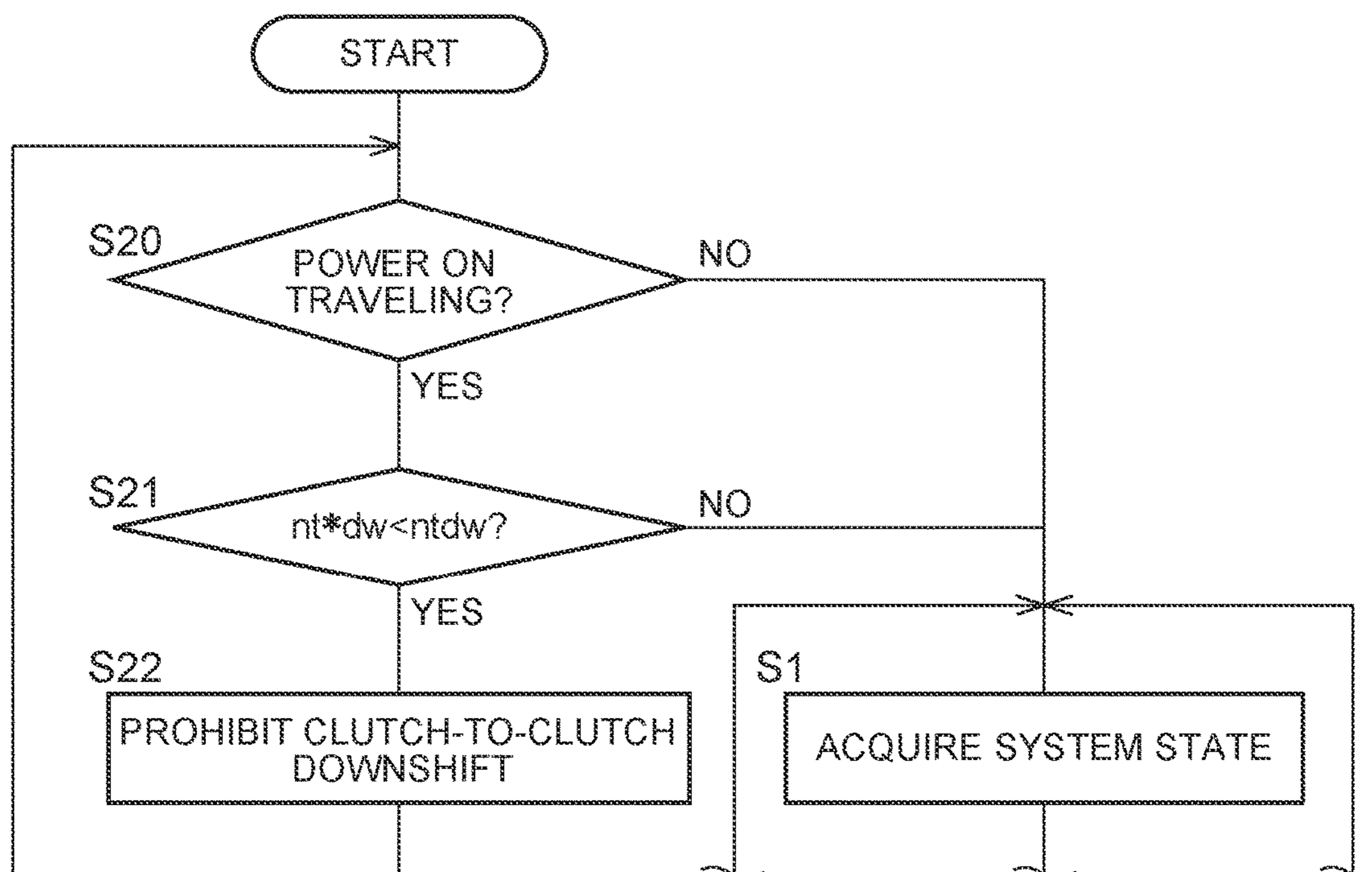


FIG. 7



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**CONTROL DEVICE FOR VEHICLE DRIVE
SYSTEM****CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED
APPLICATIONS**

This application claims priority to Japanese Patent Application No. 2016-250289 filed on Dec. 24, 2016, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

BACKGROUND

1. Technical Field

The present disclosure relates to a technology for a vehicle drive system including, between an input shaft and an output shaft, a continuously variable transmission mechanism, a gear power transmission mechanism having at least one gear ratio, and a clutch mechanism selectively switching between a first transmission path and a second transmission path. Torque transmitted to the input shaft through the continuously variable transmission mechanism is transmitted to the output shaft through the first transmission path. Torque transmitted to the input shaft through the gear power transmission mechanism is transmitted to the output shaft through the second transmission path. When switching is made between the first transmission path and the second transmission path, the technology suitably reduces the difference between the actual rotational speed of the input shaft at the switching start time point and the actual rotational speed of the input shaft at the switching completion time point.

2. Description of Related Art

A control device for a vehicle drive system is known. For example, the vehicle drive system includes, between an input shaft to which torque output from a drive power source is transmitted, and an output shaft outputting torque to a drive wheel, a continuously variable transmission mechanism, a gear power transmission mechanism having at least one gear ratio, and a clutch mechanism selectively switching between a first transmission path and a second transmission path. Torque transmitted to the input shaft through the continuously variable transmission mechanism is transmitted to the output shaft through the first transmission path. Torque transmitted to the input shaft through the gear power transmission mechanism is transmitted to the output shaft through the second transmission path. The control device selectively switches between the first transmission path and the second transmission path in accordance with a traveling state of a vehicle. The known control device is a control device for a vehicle drive system disclosed in Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2016-003673 (JP 2016-003673 A).

SUMMARY

In the control device for the vehicle drive system, a switching target input shaft rotational speed for switching between the first transmission path and the second transmission path and a continuously variable transmission target primary rotational speed for controlling the shift ratio of the continuously variable transmission mechanism may be calculated independently of each other by using, for example, a vehicle speed and an accelerator operation amount. However, when the switching target input shaft rotational speed

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and the continuously variable transmission target primary rotational speed are calculated independently of each other under settings of, for example, an upper limit guard value that sets an upper limit of the rotational speed of the input shaft when the second transmission path is selected due to a hard protection request in the gear power transmission mechanism, and a lower limit guard value that sets a lower limit of the rotational speed of the input shaft when the first transmission path is selected due to a hard protection request in the continuously variable transmission mechanism, the difference between the switching target input shaft rotational speed and the continuously variable transmission target primary rotational speed is comparatively increased even when, for example, the accelerator operation amount is the same. When switching is made between the first transmission path and the second transmission path, a problem arises in that the difference between the actual rotational speed of the input shaft at the switching start time point and the actual rotational speed of the input shaft at the switching completion time point is increased.

The present disclosure is conceived in view of the above matter and provides a control device for a vehicle drive system. When switching is made between a first transmission path and a second transmission path, the control device can suitably reduce the difference between the actual rotational speed of an input shaft at the switching start time point and the actual rotational speed of the input shaft at the switching completion time point.

An aspect of the present disclosure relates to a control device for a vehicle drive system. The vehicle drive system includes, between an input shaft to which torque output from a drive power source is transmitted, and an output shaft outputting torque to a drive wheel, a continuously variable transmission mechanism, a gear power transmission mechanism having at least one gear ratio, and a clutch mechanism configured to selectively switch between a first transmission path through which the torque transmitted to the input shaft is transmitted to the output shaft via the continuously variable transmission mechanism, and a second transmission path through which the torque transmitted to the input shaft is transmitted to the output shaft via the gear power transmission mechanism. The control device includes an electronic control unit. The electronic control unit is configured as follows. That is, (i) the electronic control unit selectively switches between the first transmission path and the second transmission path in accordance with a traveling state of a vehicle. (ii) The electronic control unit calculates a target input shaft rotational speed, the target input shaft rotational speed being restricted in a range between an upper limit guard value of a rotational speed of the input shaft in the gear power transmission mechanism and a lower limit guard value of the rotational speed of the input shaft in the continuously variable transmission mechanism. (iii) The electronic control unit calculates a switching target input shaft rotational speed and a continuously variable transmission target primary rotational speed, the switching target input shaft rotational speed being for switching between the first transmission path and the second transmission path and the continuously variable transmission target primary rotational speed being for controlling a shift ratio of the continuously variable transmission mechanism based on the target input shaft rotational speed.

With the control device for the vehicle drive system, the target input shaft rotational speed that is restricted in a range between the upper limit guard value of the rotational speed of the input shaft in the gear power transmission mechanism and the lower limit guard value of the rotational speed of the

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input shaft in the continuously variable transmission mechanism is calculated. The switching target input shaft rotational speed for switching between the first transmission path and the second transmission path and the continuously variable transmission target primary rotational speed for controlling the shift ratio of the continuously variable transmission mechanism are calculated based on the target input shaft rotational speed. Thus, since the switching target input shaft rotational speed and the continuously variable transmission target primary rotational speed are calculated based on the target input shaft rotational speed restricted in a range of the lower limit guard value to the upper limit guard value, the difference between the switching target input shaft rotational speed and the continuously variable transmission target primary rotational speed is suitably decreased. When switching is made between the first transmission path and the second transmission path, the difference between the actual rotational speed of the input shaft at the switching start time point and the actual rotational speed of the input shaft at the switching completion time point is reduced.

In the control device according to the aspect of the present disclosure, the electronic control unit may be configured as follows. That is, (i) the electronic control unit may calculate a base target input shaft rotational speed based on a vehicle speed and an accelerator operation amount from a relationship stored in advance. (ii) The electronic control unit may set the lower limit guard value as the target input shaft rotational speed when the base target input shaft rotational speed is lower than the lower limit guard value. (iii) The electronic control unit may set the upper limit guard value as the target input shaft rotational speed when the base target input shaft rotational speed is higher than the upper limit guard value. (iv) The electronic control unit may set the base target input shaft rotational speed as the target input shaft rotational speed when the base target input shaft rotational speed is greater than or equal to the lower limit guard value and less than or equal to the upper limit guard value.

With the control device, the base target input shaft rotational speed is calculated based on the vehicle speed and the accelerator operation amount from the relationship stored in advance. When the base target input shaft rotational speed is lower than the lower limit guard value, the lower limit guard value is set as the target input shaft rotational speed. When the base target input shaft rotational speed is higher than the upper limit guard value, the upper limit guard value is set as the target input shaft rotational speed. When the base target input shaft rotational speed is greater than or equal to the lower limit guard value and less than or equal to the upper limit guard value, the base target input shaft rotational speed is set as the target input shaft rotational speed. Thus, the target input shaft rotational speed is restricted in a range of the lower limit guard value to the upper limit guard value.

In the control device according to the aspect of the present disclosure, the continuously variable transmission target primary rotational speed may be the target input shaft rotational speed.

With the control device, the continuously variable transmission target primary rotational speed is the target input shaft rotational speed. Thus, the continuously variable transmission target primary rotational speed can be easily calculated from the target input shaft rotational speed.

In the control device according to the aspect of the present disclosure, the switching target input shaft rotational speed may be an upshift target input shaft rotational speed for switching a torque transmission path from the second transmission path to the first transmission path. The electronic control unit may be configured to perform an upshift when

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the actual rotational speed of the input shaft exceeds the upshift target input shaft rotational speed.

With the control device, the switching target input shaft rotational speed is the upshift target input shaft rotational speed for switching the torque transmission path from the second transmission path to the first transmission path. The upshift is performed when the actual rotational speed of the input shaft exceeds the upshift target input shaft rotational speed. Thus, when the torque transmission path is switched from the second transmission path to the first transmission path, the difference between the actual rotational speed of the input shaft at the switching start time point and the actual rotational speed of the input shaft at the switching completion time point is reduced.

In the control device according to the aspect of the present disclosure, the upshift target input shaft rotational speed may be the target input shaft rotational speed.

With the control device, the upshift target input shaft rotational speed is the target input shaft rotational speed. Thus, the upshift target input shaft rotational speed can be easily calculated from the target input shaft rotational speed.

In the control device according to the aspect of the present disclosure, the switching target input shaft rotational speed may be a downshift target input shaft rotational speed for switching a torque transmission path from the first transmission path to the second transmission path. The electronic control unit may be configured as follows. That is, (i) the electronic control unit may perform a downshift when a downshift input shaft rotational speed acquired by an actual rotational speed of the output shaft from a downshift input shaft rotational speed calculation line stored in advance is less than or equal to the downshift target input shaft rotational speed. (ii) The electronic control unit may allow an accelerator to be stepped on to increase the base target input shaft rotational speed above the upper limit guard value. (iii) When the downshift input shaft rotational speed is less than the downshift target input shaft rotational speed, the electronic control unit may prohibit switching of a torque transmission path from the first transmission path to the second transmission path.

With the control device, the switching target input shaft rotational speed is the downshift target input shaft rotational speed for switching the torque transmission path from the first transmission path to the second transmission path. The downshift is performed when the downshift input shaft rotational speed acquired by the actual rotational speed of the output shaft from the downshift input shaft rotational speed calculation line stored in advance is less than or equal to the downshift target input shaft rotational speed. When the accelerator is stepped on to increase the base target input shaft rotational speed above the upper limit guard value, and the downshift input shaft rotational speed is less than the downshift target input shaft rotational speed, switching of the torque transmission path from the first transmission path to the second transmission path is prohibited. Thus, while the base target input shaft rotational speed corresponding to the accelerator operation amount is calculated when the accelerator is stepped on to increase the base target input shaft rotational speed above the upper limit guard value, the downshift target input shaft rotational speed is decreased below the downshift input shaft rotational speed since the downshift target input shaft rotational speed is restricted by the upper limit guard value. Accordingly, even when the accelerator is stepped on to increase the base target input shaft rotational speed above the upper limit guard value, the torque transmission path is not switched from the first transmission path to the second transmission path. Thus, a

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change in the behavior of the rotational speed of the input shaft can be suitably reduced.

In the control device according to the aspect of the present disclosure, the downshift target input shaft rotational speed may be the target input shaft rotational speed.

With the control device, the downshift target input shaft rotational speed is the target input shaft rotational speed. Thus, the downshift target input shaft rotational speed can be easily calculated from the target input shaft rotational speed.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Features, advantages, and technical and industrial significance of exemplary embodiments of the disclosure will be described below with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which like numerals denote like elements, and wherein:

FIG. 1 is a skeletal diagram describing a schematic configuration of a vehicle drive system that is a first embodiment as one example of the present disclosure;

FIG. 2 is an engagement table of engaging elements of the vehicle drive system in FIG. 1 per traveling pattern;

FIG. 3 is a functional block diagram describing main portions for control functions of an electronic control unit disposed in the vehicle drive system in FIG. 1;

FIG. 4 is a diagram illustrating an upshift target turbine rotational speed and a downshift target turbine rotational speed for switching between a first transmission path and a second transmission path, and a target primary rotational speed for controlling the shift ratio of a continuously variable transmission mechanism when an upper limit guard value and a lower limit guard value are not set during traveling of a vehicle in the vehicle drive system;

FIG. 5 is a diagram illustrating the upshift target turbine rotational speed and the downshift target turbine rotational speed for switching between the first transmission path and the second transmission path, and the target primary rotational speed for controlling the shift ratio of the continuously variable transmission mechanism when the upper limit guard value and the lower limit guard value are set during traveling of the vehicle in the vehicle drive system;

FIG. 6 is a flowchart describing the first embodiment and is a flowchart describing one example of a control operation in an electronic control unit in FIG. 3 for a switching control process that selectively switches between the first transmission path and the second transmission path during traveling of the vehicle, that is, a switching control process that switches from gear traveling to belt traveling or from belt traveling to gear traveling, and a shift ratio control process in the continuously variable transmission mechanism; and

FIG. 7 is a diagram describing an electronic control unit of a vehicle drive system of a second embodiment of the present disclosure.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EMBODIMENTS

Hereinafter, embodiments of the present disclosure will be described in detail with reference to the drawings.

FIG. 1 is a skeletal diagram for describing a schematic configuration of a vehicle drive system 12 (hereinafter, referred to as the drive system 12) that is a first embodiment as one example of the present disclosure. The drive system 12 includes, for example, an engine (drive power source) 14 used as a drive power source for traveling, a torque converter 16 as a hydraulic power transmission device, a forward and reverse traveling switching device 18, a belt continuously variable transmission mechanism 20, a gear

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power transmission mechanism 22, an output shaft 28 integrated with an output gear 26 connected to drive wheels 24L, 24R in a manner capable of transmitting power to the drive wheels 24L, 24R, and a differential gear 30. The output shaft 28 is connected to the drive wheels 24L, 24R in a manner capable of transmitting (outputting) torque transmitted to the output shaft 28 as power to the drive wheels 24L, 24R. The drive system 12 includes the continuously variable transmission mechanism 20 and the gear power transmission mechanism 22 in parallel between a turbine shaft (input shaft) 32 and the output shaft 28. Accordingly, the drive system 12 transmits torque output from the engine 14 to the turbine shaft 32 via the torque converter 16. A first transmission path through which the torque transmitted to the turbine shaft 32 is transmitted to the output shaft 28 from the turbine shaft 32 through the continuously variable transmission mechanism 20, and a second transmission path through which the torque transmitted to the turbine shaft 32 is transmitted to the output shaft 28 from the turbine shaft 32 through the gear power transmission mechanism 22 are formed in the drive system 12. The drive system 12 includes an electronic control device (electronic control unit) 34 (refer to FIG. 3) described below. In the drive system 12, the electronic control unit selectively switches a torque transmission path through which the torque transmitted to the turbine shaft 32 is transmitted to the output shaft 28, between the first transmission path and the second transmission path in accordance with a traveling state of a vehicle.

The torque converter 16 includes a pump impeller 16p connected to a crankshaft of the engine 14 and a turbine impeller 16t that corresponds to an output side member of the torque converter 16 and is connected to the forward and reverse traveling switching device 18 through the turbine shaft 32. The torque converter 16 transmits power through fluid.

The forward and reverse traveling switching device 18 includes a forward traveling clutch Ca, a reverse traveling brake B, and a double pinion planetary gear device 36. A carrier 36c is integrally connected with the turbine shaft 32 of the torque converter 16 and a primary shaft 38 of the continuously variable transmission mechanism 20. A ring gear 36r is selectively connected to a housing 40 as a non-rotating member through the reverse traveling brake B. A sun gear 36s is connected to a small diameter gear 42. The sun gear 36s and the carrier 36c are selectively connected to each other through the forward traveling clutch Ca. The forward traveling clutch Ca and the reverse traveling brake B correspond to a connection and disconnection device. Any of the forward traveling clutch Ca and the reverse traveling brake B is a hydraulic pressure friction engaging device that is engaged by friction by a hydraulic pressure actuator.

The sun gear 36s of the planetary gear device 36 is connected to the small diameter gear 42 that constitutes the gear power transmission mechanism 22. The gear power transmission mechanism 22 includes the small diameter gear 42 and a large diameter gear 46 that is disposed to be non-rotatable relative to a first counter shaft 44. The gear power transmission mechanism 22 has one gear ratio, that is, an EL gear ratio γ_{EL} . An idler gear 48 is disposed to be rotatable relative to the first counter shaft 44 about the same rotation axis as the first counter shaft 44. A meshing clutch D that selectively connects and disconnects the first counter shaft 44 with the idler gear 48 is disposed between the first counter shaft 44 and the idler gear 48. The meshing clutch D includes a first gear 50 formed in the first counter shaft 44, a second gear 52 formed in the idler gear 48, and a hub sleeve 54 in which spline teeth capable of fitting (engaging

or meshing) with the first gear **50** and the second gear **52** are formed. The hub sleeve **54** fitting with the first gear **50** and the second gear **52** connects the first counter shaft **44** with the idler gear **48** in a manner capable of transmitting power therebetween. The meshing clutch **D** further includes a synchromesh mechanism **S** as a synchronization mechanism that synchronizes rotation when the meshing clutch **D** fits with the first gear **50** and the second gear **52**.

The idler gear **48** meshes with an input gear **56** that has a larger diameter than the idler gear **48**. The input gear **56** is disposed to be non-rotatable relative to the output shaft **28** that is disposed on the same rotation axis as a secondary pulley **58** of the continuously variable transmission mechanism **20**. The output shaft **28** is disposed to be rotatable about the rotation axis of the secondary pulley **58**. The input gear **56** and the output gear **26** are disposed to be non-rotatable relative to each other. The forward traveling clutch **Ca**, the reverse traveling brake **B**, and the meshing clutch **D** are interposed on the second transmission path through which the torque of the engine **14** is transmitted to the output shaft **28** from the turbine shaft **32** via the gear power transmission mechanism **22**.

The continuously variable transmission mechanism **20** includes a primary pulley (pulley) **60**, the secondary pulley (pulley) **58**, and a power transmission belt **62**. The pulley **60** has a variable effective diameter and is an input side member that is connected to the turbine shaft **32** through the primary shaft **38** and is disposed on the torque transmission path between the turbine shaft **32** functioning as an input shaft and the output shaft **28**. The pulley **58** has a variable effective diameter and is an output side member connected to the output shaft **28** through a belt traveling clutch **Cb** described below. The power transmission belt **62** is wound between the pulleys **58**, **60**. Power is transmitted through a friction force between the pulleys **58**, **60** and the power transmission belt **62**.

As illustrated in FIG. 1, the primary pulley **60** includes a fixed sheave **60a**, a movable sheave **60b**, and a primary side hydraulic pressure actuator **60c**. The fixed sheave **60a** is an input side fixed rotating body fixed to the primary shaft **38**. The movable sheave **60b** is an input side movable rotating body that is disposed to be axially non-rotatable relative to the primary shaft **38** and movable in the axial direction. The primary side hydraulic pressure actuator **60c** generates a propulsive force that moves the movable sheave **60b** in order to change the width of a V groove between the fixed sheave **60a** and the movable sheave **60b**. The secondary pulley **58** includes a fixed sheave **58a**, a movable sheave **58b**, and a secondary side hydraulic pressure actuator **58c**. The fixed sheave **58a** is an output side fixed rotating body. The movable sheave **58b** is an output side movable rotating body that is disposed to be axially non-rotatable relative to the fixed sheave **58a** and movable in the axial direction. The secondary side hydraulic pressure actuator **58c** generates a propulsive force that moves the movable sheave **58b** in order to change the width of a V groove between the fixed sheave **58a** and the movable sheave **58b**.

When the actual diameter (effective diameter) of the power transmission belt **62** is changed by changing the width of the V groove of each of the primary pulley **60** and the secondary pulley **58**, an actual shift ratio (gear ratio) γ (=primary rotational speed n_{in} (rpm)/secondary rotational speed n_{ss} (rpm)) is continuously changed. For example, when the width of the V groove of the primary pulley **60** is decreased, the shift ratio γ is decreased. That is, the continuously variable transmission mechanism **20** shifts up. When the width of the V groove of the primary pulley **60** is

increased, the shift ratio γ is increased. That is, the continuously variable transmission mechanism **20** shifts down.

As illustrated in FIG. 1, the belt traveling clutch **Cb** that selectively connects and disconnects the continuously variable transmission mechanism **20** and the output shaft **28** is interposed between the continuously variable transmission mechanism **20** and the output shaft **28**. Engaging of the belt traveling clutch **Cb** forms the first transmission path through which the torque of the engine **14** is transmitted to the output shaft **28** via the turbine shaft **32** and the continuously variable transmission mechanism **20**. When the belt traveling clutch **Cb** is released, the first transmission path is disconnected, and torque is not transmitted to the output shaft **28** through the continuously variable transmission mechanism **20**.

As illustrated in FIG. 1, the output gear **26** meshes with a large diameter gear **66** that is fixed to a second counter shaft **64**. A small diameter gear **70** that meshes with a differential ring gear **68** of the differential gear **30** configured with a differential mechanism is disposed in the second counter shaft **64**.

Next, operation of the drive system **12** configured as above will be described by using an engagement table of engaging elements per traveling pattern illustrated in FIG. 2. In FIG. 2, "Ca" corresponds to an operating state of the forward traveling clutch **Ca**, and "Cb" corresponds to an operating state of the belt traveling clutch **Cb**. "B" corresponds to an operating state of the reverse traveling brake **B**, and "D" corresponds to an operating state of the meshing clutch **D**. Engagement (connection) is denoted by "engaged", and release (disconnection) is denoted by "not engaged". The meshing clutch **D** includes the synchromesh mechanism **S**. The synchromesh mechanism **S** operates when the meshing clutch **D** is engaged.

First, a traveling pattern in which the torque of the engine **14** is transmitted to the output shaft **28** through (via) the continuously variable transmission mechanism **20** will be described. The traveling pattern corresponds to belt traveling (high vehicle speed) in FIG. 2. As illustrated in the belt traveling in FIG. 2, the belt traveling clutch **Cb** is connected, and the forward traveling clutch **Ca**, the reverse traveling brake **B**, and the meshing clutch **D** are disconnected. The connection of the belt traveling clutch **Cb** connects the secondary pulley **58** with the output shaft **28** in a manner capable of transmitting power therebetween. Thus, the secondary pulley **58**, the output shaft **28**, and the output gear **26** rotate as a single body. Accordingly, when the belt traveling clutch **Cb** is connected, the first transmission path is formed, and the torque of the engine **14** is transmitted to the output shaft **28** and the output gear **26** via the torque converter **16**, the turbine shaft **32**, the primary shaft **38**, and the continuously variable transmission mechanism **20**.

Next, a traveling pattern in which the torque of the engine **14** is transmitted to the output shaft **28** via the gear power transmission mechanism **22**, that is, a traveling pattern in which the torque is transmitted through the second transmission path, will be described. The traveling pattern corresponds to gear traveling in FIG. 2. As illustrated in FIG. 2, the forward traveling clutch **Ca** and the meshing clutch **D** are engaged (connected), and the belt traveling clutch **Cb** and the reverse traveling brake **B** are released (disconnected).

The engagement of the forward traveling clutch **Ca** causes the planetary gear device **36** constituting the forward and reverse traveling switching device **18** to rotate as a single body. Thus, the small diameter gear **42** rotates at the same rotational speed as the turbine shaft **32**. The engagement of

the meshing clutch D connects the first counter shaft **44** with the idler gear **48** in a manner capable of transmitting power therebetween, and the first counter shaft **44** and the idler gear **48** rotate as a single body. Accordingly, the engagement of the forward traveling clutch Ca and the meshing clutch D forms the second transmission path, and the power of the engine **14** is transmitted to the output shaft **28** and the output gear **26** via the torque converter **16**, the turbine shaft **32**, the forward and reverse traveling switching device **18**, the gear power transmission mechanism **22**, the idler gear **48**, and the input gear **56**.

The gear traveling is selected in a low vehicle speed region. The EL gear ratio γ_{EL} (turbine rotational speed n_t of turbine shaft **32** (rpm)/output shaft rotational speed n_o of output shaft **28** (rpm)) based on the second transmission path is set to a value greater than a maximum shift ratio γ_{max} of the continuously variable transmission mechanism **20** (refer to FIG. **4** and FIG. **5**). For example, when a vehicle speed V (km/h) rises and enters a predefined belt traveling region in which the belt traveling is executed, the gear traveling is switched to the belt traveling. When switching is made from the gear traveling to the belt traveling (high vehicle speed) or from the belt traveling (high vehicle speed) to the gear traveling, switching is transitionally made via belt traveling (medium vehicle speed) in FIG. **2**.

For example, when switching is made from the gear traveling to the belt traveling (high vehicle speed), switching is transitionally made from a state of engagement of the forward traveling clutch Ca and the meshing clutch D corresponding to the gear traveling to a state of engagement of the belt traveling clutch Cb and the meshing clutch D corresponding to the belt traveling (medium vehicle speed). That is, re-engagement (clutch-to-clutch shifting) that releases the forward traveling clutch Ca and engages the belt traveling clutch Cb is started. The torque transmission path is switched from the second transmission path to the first transmission path, and an upshift is actually made in the drive system **12**. After the torque transmission path is switched, the meshing clutch D is released (disconnected) in order to prevent an unneeded drag or an increase in the rotational speed of the gear power transmission mechanism **22** or the like.

When switching is made from the belt traveling (high vehicle speed) to the gear traveling, switching is transitionally made from a state of engagement of the belt traveling clutch Cb to a state of engagement of the meshing clutch D as a preparation for switching to the gear traveling ("downshift preparation" illustrated in FIG. **2**). Rotation is transmitted to the sun gear **36s** of the planetary gear device **36** via the gear power transmission mechanism **22**. In the state, re-engagement (clutch-to-clutch shifting) that engages the forward traveling clutch Ca and releases the belt traveling clutch Cb is executed, and the torque transmission path is switched from the first transmission path to the second transmission path. A downshift is actually made in the drive system **12**. As described above, the re-engagement (clutch-to-clutch shifting) that releases the forward traveling clutch Ca and engages the belt traveling clutch Cb switches the torque transmission path from the second transmission path to the first transmission path. The re-engagement (clutch-to-clutch shifting) that engages the forward traveling clutch Ca and releases the belt traveling clutch Cb switches the torque transmission path from the first transmission path to the second transmission path. Thus, the forward traveling clutch Ca and the belt traveling clutch Cb function as a

clutch mechanism that selectively switches the torque transmission path between the first transmission path and the second transmission path.

FIG. **3** is a functional block diagram that describes an input and output system of the electronic control unit **34** provided for controlling, for example, the continuously variable transmission mechanism **20** and the clutch mechanism including the forward traveling clutch Ca and the belt traveling clutch Cb, and describes main portions of control functions of the electronic control unit **34**. The electronic control unit **34** is configured to include a so-called micro-computer that includes, for example, a CPU, a RAM, a ROM, and input and output interfaces. The CPU executes various control processes for the drive system **12** by performing signal processing in accordance with a program stored in advance in the ROM and using a temporary storage function of the RAM. For example, the electronic control unit **34** executes a control process that appropriately switches the torque transmission path of the drive system **12** to any of the first transmission path and the second transmission path, that is, a control process that appropriately switches to any of the gear traveling and the belt traveling, or a shift ratio control process for the continuously variable transmission mechanism **20**.

The electronic control unit **34** is supplied with a signal representing the vehicle speed V (km/h) detected by a vehicle speed sensor **72**, a signal representing an accelerator operation amount Acc (%) that is the amount of operation of an accelerator pedal as a needed acceleration amount of a driver detected by an accelerator operation amount sensor **74**, a signal representing the turbine rotational speed n_t (rpm) of the turbine shaft **32** detected by a turbine rotational speed sensor **76**, a signal representing the output shaft rotational speed n_o (rpm) of the output shaft **28** detected by an output shaft rotational speed sensor **78**, a signal representing the secondary rotational speed n_{ss} (rpm) of the secondary pulley **58** detected by a secondary rotational speed sensor **80**, and the like.

The electronic control unit **34** outputs a hydraulic pressure control instruction signal S_p that drives each linear solenoid valve controlling hydraulic pressure supplied to the forward traveling clutch Ca, the reverse traveling brake B, the belt traveling clutch Cb, and the meshing clutch D related to switching of the torque transmission path of the drive system **12**, a hydraulic pressure control instruction signal S_{cvt} that drives each linear solenoid valve controlling hydraulic pressure supplied to the primary side hydraulic pressure actuator **60c** and the secondary side hydraulic pressure actuator **58c** controlling the shift ratio γ of the continuously variable transmission mechanism **20**, and the like to a hydraulic pressure control circuit **82**.

The electronic control unit **34** illustrated in FIG. **3** includes, as main portions of control functions, a system state acquisition unit **84**, a traveling mode determination unit **86**, a target turbine rotational speed calculation unit **88**, a switching target turbine rotational speed calculation unit **90**, a switching turbine rotational speed calculation unit **92**, a shift switching determination unit **94**, a clutch switching controller **96**, a clutch switching completion determination unit **98**, a traveling state determination unit **100**, a target primary rotational speed calculation unit **102**, a CVT shift ratio controller **104**, and the like.

The system state acquisition unit **84** illustrated in FIG. **3** acquires (reads) a system state that is stored in a storage unit, not illustrated, of the electronic control unit **34**.

The system state includes, for example, a traveling mode in traveling, an upper limit guard value G_{max} (refer to FIG.

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5), and a lower limit guard value G_{min} (refer to FIG. 5). When the vehicle starts traveling, the traveling mode is set to a gear traveling mode in which the gear traveling illustrated in FIG. 2 is executed. The upper limit guard value G_{max} (rpm) is the upper limit value of the turbine rotational speed n_t (rpm) that is provided in order to prevent, for example, an increase in the rotational speed of the gears (the small diameter gear 42 and the large diameter gear 46) of the gear power transmission mechanism 22, that is, an increase in the rotational speed of the pinion of the planetary gear device 36, in the gear traveling illustrated in FIG. 2, that is, when the second transmission path is selected by a protection request for hardware such as a pinion in the gear power transmission mechanism 22 from excessive rotation or the like. The lower limit guard value G_{min} (rpm) is the lower limit value of the turbine rotational speed n_t (rpm) that is provided in order to prevent a slip between, for example, the primary pulley 60 or the secondary pulley 58 and the power transmission belt 62 in the belt traveling illustrated in FIG. 2, that is, when the first transmission path is selected by a protection request for hardware such as the continuously variable transmission mechanism 20. The upper limit guard value G_{max} and the lower limit guard value G_{min} are changed according to the vehicle traveling state such as the output torque output from the engine 14.

When the system state acquisition unit 84 acquires the system state, that is, the current traveling mode, the traveling mode determination unit 86 in FIG. 3 determines, from the traveling mode acquired in the system state acquisition unit 84, whether the traveling mode selected by the electronic control unit 34 during traveling of the vehicle is the gear traveling mode in which the gear traveling illustrated in FIG. 2 is executed, or a belt traveling mode in which the belt traveling illustrated in FIG. 2 is executed.

When the system state acquisition unit 84 acquires the system state, that is, the upper limit guard value G_{max} (rpm) and the lower limit guard value G_{min} (rpm), the target turbine rotational speed calculation unit 88 in FIG. 3 calculates a base target turbine rotational speed n_{tb}^* (rpm) based on the actual output shaft rotational speed n_o and the actual accelerator operation amount Acc , from a relationship map (refer to FIG. 4) in which a relationship between the vehicle speed V , that is, the output shaft rotational speed n_o , and a base target turbine rotational speed (base target input shaft rotational speed) n_{tb}^* for calculating a target turbine rotational speed (target input shaft rotational speed) n_t^* for controlling the shift ratio of the continuously variable transmission mechanism 20 is set in advance and stored with, for example, the acceleration operation amount Acc as a parameter. The target turbine rotational speed calculation unit 88 calculates the target turbine rotational speed (target input shaft rotational speed) n_t^* (rpm) restricted within a range of the upper limit guard value G_{max} to the lower limit guard value G_{min} from the calculated base target turbine rotational speed n_{tb}^* .

For example, as illustrated in FIG. 5, when the base target turbine rotational speed n_{tb}^* (rpm) calculated by the actual output shaft rotational speed n_o and the actual accelerator operation amount Acc from the relationship map in FIG. 4 is lower than the lower limit guard value G_{min} (rpm) with the accelerator operation amount Acc lower than, for example, 30%, that is, when the base target turbine rotational speed n_{tb}^* (rpm) is lower than the lower limit guard value G_{min} (rpm), the lower limit guard value G_{min} is set as the target turbine rotational speed n_t^* in the target turbine rotational speed calculation unit 88. As illustrated in FIG. 5, when the base target turbine rotational speed n_{tb}^* (rpm)

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calculated by the actual output shaft rotational speed n_o and the actual accelerator operation amount Acc from the relationship map in FIG. 4 is higher than the upper limit guard value G_{max} (rpm) with the accelerator operation amount Acc higher than, for example, 80%, that is, when the base target turbine rotational speed n_{tb}^* (rpm) is higher than the upper limit guard value G_{max} (rpm), the upper limit value G_{max} is set as the target turbine rotational speed n_t^* in the target turbine rotational speed calculation unit 88. As illustrated in FIG. 5, when the base target turbine rotational speed n_{tb}^* (rpm) calculated by the actual output shaft rotational speed n_o and the actual accelerator operation amount Acc from the relationship map in FIG. 4 is greater than or equal to the lower limit guard value G_{min} (rpm) and less than or equal to the upper limit guard value G_{max} (rpm) with the accelerator operation amount Acc in a range of, for example, 30% to 80%, that is, when the base target turbine rotational speed n_{tb}^* (rpm) is greater than or equal to the lower limit guard value G_{min} (rpm) and less than or equal to the upper limit guard value G_{max} (rpm), the base target turbine rotational speed n_{tb}^* is set as the target turbine rotational speed n_t^* in the target turbine rotational speed calculation unit 88. When the system state acquisition unit 84 does not acquire the system state, that is, the upper limit guard value G_{max} and the lower limit guard value G_{min} , the calculated base target turbine rotational speed n_{tb}^* is set as the target turbine rotational speed n_t^* in the target turbine rotational speed calculation unit 88.

When the traveling mode determination unit 86 determines the traveling mode, and the target turbine rotational speed calculation unit 88 calculates the target turbine rotational speed n_t^* , the switching target turbine rotational speed calculation unit 90 in FIG. 3 calculates a switching target turbine rotational speed (switching target input shaft rotational speed) for switching between the first transmission path and the second transmission path, that is, an upshift target turbine rotational speed (upshift target input shaft rotational speed) n_{t*up} (rpm) or a downshift target turbine rotational speed (downshift target input shaft rotational speed) n_{t*dw} (rpm) described below, based on the target turbine rotational speed n_t^* calculated by the target turbine rotational speed calculation unit 88. For example, when the traveling mode determination unit 86 determines that the traveling mode is the gear traveling mode, the switching target turbine rotational speed calculation unit 90 calculates, based on the target turbine rotational speed n_t^* , the upshift target turbine rotational speed n_{t*up} for an upshift that switches the torque transmission path from the second transmission path to the first transmission path. That is, the switching target turbine rotational speed calculation unit 90 sets the target turbine rotational speed n_t^* calculated by the target turbine rotational speed calculation unit 88 to the upshift target turbine rotational speed n_{t*up} ($n_{t*up} = n_t^*$). When the traveling mode determination unit 86 determines that the traveling mode is the belt traveling mode, the switching target turbine rotational speed calculation unit 90 calculates, based on the target turbine rotational speed n_t^* , the downshift target turbine rotational speed n_{t*dw} for a downshift that switches the torque transmission path from the first transmission path to the second transmission path. That is, the switching target turbine rotational speed calculation unit 90 sets the target turbine rotational speed n_t^* calculated by the target turbine rotational speed calculation unit 88 to the downshift target turbine rotational speed n_{t*dw} ($n_{t*dw} = n_t^*$).

When the traveling mode determination unit 86 determines that the traveling mode is the gear traveling mode, the

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switching turbine rotational speed calculation unit **92** in FIG. 3 calculates an upshift turbine rotational speed (upshift input shaft rotational speed) $ntup$ (rpm) for use in determination of the upshift. When the traveling mode determination unit **86** determines that the traveling mode is the belt traveling mode, the switching turbine rotational speed calculation unit **92** calculates a downshift turbine rotational speed (downshift input shaft rotational speed) $ntdw$ (rpm) for use in determination of the downshift. For example, when the traveling mode determination unit **86** determines that the traveling mode is the gear traveling mode, the switching turbine rotational speed calculation unit **92** calculates the upshift turbine rotational speed $ntup$ (rpm) by multiplying the actual output shaft rotational speed no of the output shaft **28** by the EL gear ratio γ_{EL} of the gear power transmission mechanism **22** ($ntup=no \times \gamma_{EL}$). When the traveling mode determination unit **86** determines that the traveling mode is the belt traveling mode, the switching turbine rotational speed calculation unit **92** calculates the downshift turbine rotational speed $ntdw$ (rpm) by the actual output shaft rotational speed no (rpm) of the output shaft **28** from, for example, a power ON downshift turbine rotational speed calculation line (downshift input shaft rotational speed calculation line) **L1** (refer to FIG. 4 and FIG. 5) that is stored in advance in a diagram having a vertical axis denoting the turbine rotational speed nt (rpm) and a horizontal axis denoting the output shaft rotational speed no (rpm).

When the traveling mode determination unit **86** determines the traveling mode, and the switching target turbine rotational speed calculation unit **90** calculates the upshift target turbine rotational speed $nt*up$ or the downshift target turbine rotational speed $nt*dw$, and the switching turbine rotational speed calculation unit **92** calculates the upshift turbine rotational speed $ntup$ or the downshift turbine rotational speed $ntdw$, the shift switching determination unit **94** in FIG. 3 determines whether to switch to the first transmission path or the second transmission path.

For example, when the traveling mode determination unit **86** determines that the traveling mode is the gear traveling mode, and the switching target turbine rotational speed calculation unit **90** calculates the upshift target turbine rotational speed $nt*up$ (rpm), and the switching turbine rotational speed calculation unit **92** calculates the upshift turbine rotational speed $ntup$ (rpm), the shift switching determination unit **94** determines, by using the calculated upshift target turbine rotational speed $nt*up$ (rpm) and the upshift turbine rotational speed $ntup$ (rpm), whether or not to perform the upshift which switches the torque transmission path from the second transmission path to the first transmission path. The shift switching determination unit **94** performs the upshift when the upshift turbine rotational speed $ntup$ (rpm) calculated by the switching turbine rotational speed calculation unit **92** exceeds the upshift target turbine rotational speed $nt*up$ (rpm) calculated by the switching target turbine rotational speed calculation unit **90** ($nt*up < ntup$). When the shift switching determination unit **94** performs the upshift, the shift switching determination unit **94** changes the system state, that is, the traveling mode, acquired by the system state acquisition unit **84** to the belt traveling mode (traveling mode=belt traveling mode).

For example, when the traveling mode determination unit **86** determines that the traveling mode is the belt traveling mode, and the switching target turbine rotational speed calculation unit **90** calculates the downshift target turbine rotational speed $nt*dw$ (rpm), and the switching turbine rotational speed calculation unit **92** calculates the downshift turbine rotational speed $ntdw$ (rpm), and, for example,

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power ON traveling in which the accelerator pedal is stepped on is performed, the shift switching determination unit **94** determines, by using the calculated downshift target turbine rotational speed $nt*dw$ (rpm) and the downshift turbine rotational speed $ntdw$ (rpm), whether or not to perform a power ON downshift that switches the torque transmission path from the first transmission path to the second transmission path. The shift switching determination unit **94** performs the power ON downshift when the downshift turbine rotational speed $ntdw$ (rpm) calculated by the switching turbine rotational speed calculation unit **92** is less than or equal to the downshift target turbine rotational speed $nt*dw$ (rpm) calculated by the switching target turbine rotational speed calculation unit **90** ($nt*dw \geq ntdw$). When the shift switching determination unit **94** performs the power ON downshift, the shift switching determination unit **94** changes the system state, that is, the traveling mode, acquired by the system state acquisition unit **84** to the gear traveling mode (traveling mode=gear traveling mode).

For example, when the traveling mode determination unit **86** determines that the traveling mode is the belt traveling mode, and, for example, coast traveling in which the accelerator pedal is not stepped on is performed, the shift switching determination unit **94** performs a coast downshift that switches the torque transmission path from the first transmission path to the second transmission path, when the actual output shaft rotational speed no (rpm) of the output shaft **28** is less than or equal to a coast down rotational speed $no1$ (rpm) (refer to FIG. 4 and FIG. 5) set in advance ($no1 \geq no$). When the shift switching determination unit **94** performs the coast downshift, the shift switching determination unit **94** changes the system state, that is, the traveling mode, acquired by the system state acquisition unit **84** to the gear traveling mode (traveling mode=gear traveling mode).

When the shift switching determination unit **94** performs the upshift, the clutch switching controller **96** in FIG. 3 executes a clutch-to-clutch shift that releases the forward traveling clutch **Ca** and engages the belt traveling clutch **Cb**, and then releases the meshing clutch **D**. When the shift switching determination unit **94** performs the downshift, that is, the power ON downshift or the coast downshift, the clutch switching controller **96** first engages the meshing clutch **D** and then, executes a clutch-to-clutch shift that engages the forward traveling clutch **Ca** and releases the belt traveling clutch **Cb**.

When the shift switching determination unit **94** determines that the upshift is performed, and the clutch switching controller **96** executes a clutch-to-clutch shift, the clutch switching completion determination unit **98** in FIG. 3 determines whether or not the clutch-to-clutch shift executed by the clutch switching controller **96** is completed, that is, whether or not switching of the belt traveling clutch **Cb** from a released state to an engaged state is completed. For example, when the difference between the secondary rotational speed nss (rpm) and the output shaft rotational speed no (rpm) is less than a synchronization determination value that is set in advance, the clutch switching completion determination unit **98** determines that the clutch-to-clutch shift executed by the clutch switching controller **96** is completed.

When the shift switching determination unit **94** determines that the power ON downshift or the coast downshift is performed, and the clutch switching controller **96** executes a clutch-to-clutch shift, the clutch switching completion determination unit **98** determines whether or not the clutch-to-clutch shift executed by the clutch switching controller **96** is completed, that is, whether or not switching

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of the forward traveling clutch Ca from a released state to an engaged state is completed. For example, when the difference between the turbine rotational speed n_t (rpm) and the rotational speed (rpm) of the small diameter gear 42 of the gear power transmission mechanism 22 is less than a predetermined value, the clutch switching completion determination unit 98 determines that the clutch-to-clutch shift executed by the clutch switching controller 96 is completed. The rotational speed (rpm) of the small diameter gear 42 of the gear power transmission mechanism 22 is calculated from the output shaft rotational speed n_o (rpm) by using the gear ratio γ of the input gear 56 and the idler gear 48 and the gear ratio γ of the large diameter gear 46 and the small diameter gear 42.

When the clutch switching completion determination unit 98 determines that the clutch-to-clutch shift is completed, the traveling state determination unit 100 in FIG. 3 determines whether the actual traveling state of the vehicle is the gear traveling or the belt traveling from the actual engaged state of a clutch such as the belt traveling clutch Cb. For example, when the traveling state determination unit 100 is supplied with the hydraulic pressure control instruction signal S_p that drives the linear solenoid valve controlling the hydraulic pressure supplied to the belt traveling clutch Cb, the traveling state determination unit 100 determines that the traveling state of the vehicle is the belt traveling. When the traveling state determination unit 100 is not supplied with the hydraulic pressure control instruction signal S_p , the traveling state determination unit 100 determines that the traveling state of the vehicle is the gear traveling.

When the traveling state determination unit 100 determines the traveling state of the vehicle, the target primary rotational speed calculation unit 102 in FIG. 3 calculates a target primary rotational speed (continuously variable transmission target primary rotational speed) n_{in}^* (rpm) for controlling the shift ratio of the continuously variable transmission mechanism 20. For example, when the traveling state determination unit 100 determines that the traveling state is the belt traveling, the target primary rotational speed calculation unit 102 sets the target turbine rotational speed n_t^* (rpm) calculated by the target turbine rotational speed calculation unit 88 to the target primary rotational speed n_{in}^* (rpm) ($n_{in}^* = n_t^*$). When the traveling state determination unit 100 determines that the traveling state is the gear traveling, the target primary rotational speed calculation unit 102 sets the target primary rotational speed n_{in}^* (rpm) to a γ_{max} rotational speed $n_{\gamma max}$ (rpm) that is set in advance to cause the shift ratio γ of the continuously variable transmission mechanism 20 to have the maximum shift ratio γ_{max} ($n_{in}^* = n_{\gamma max}$).

When the target primary rotational speed calculation unit 102 calculates the target primary rotational speed n_{in}^* (rpm), the CVT shift ratio controller 104 in FIG. 3 calculates a target shift ratio γ^* described below based on the target primary rotational speed n_{in}^* (rpm) calculated by the target primary rotational speed calculation unit 102, and outputs the hydraulic pressure control instruction signal S_{cvt} to the hydraulic pressure control circuit 82. The hydraulic pressure control instruction signal S_{cvt} controls the shift ratio γ of the continuously variable transmission mechanism 20 such that the shift ratio γ has the calculated target shift ratio γ^* . When the target primary rotational speed calculation unit 102 calculates the target primary rotational speed n_{in}^* (rpm), the CVT shift ratio controller 104 calculates the target shift ratio γ^* from the ratio of the calculated target primary rotational

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speed n_{in}^* (rpm) and the secondary rotational speed n_{ss} (rpm) detected from the secondary rotational speed sensor 80.

FIG. 6 is a flowchart describing one example of a control operation in the electronic control unit 34 for a switching control process that selectively switches between the first transmission path and the second transmission path during traveling of the vehicle, that is, a switching control process that switches from the gear traveling to the belt traveling or from the belt traveling to the gear traveling, and a shift ratio control process in the continuously variable transmission mechanism 20.

First, in step (hereinafter, "step" will be omitted) S1 corresponding to the function of the system state acquisition unit 84, the system state such as the traveling mode in traveling, the upper limit guard value G_{max} , and the lower limit guard value G_{min} stored in the storage unit, not illustrated, of the electronic control unit 34 is acquired. Next, S2 that corresponds to the function of the target turbine rotational speed calculation unit 88 is executed. In S2, the base target turbine rotational speed n_{tb}^* (rpm) is calculated from the relationship map illustrated in FIG. 4 based on the actual output shaft rotational speed n_o (rpm) and the actual accelerator operation amount Acc (%). The target turbine rotational speed n_t^* (rpm) that is restricted within a range of the upper limit guard value G_{max} to the lower limit guard value G_{min} acquired in S1 is calculated from the calculated base target turbine rotational speed n_{tb}^* .

Next, S3 that corresponds to the function of the traveling mode determination unit 86 is executed. In S3, a determination as to whether or not the traveling mode selected by the electronic control unit 34 during traveling of the vehicle is the gear traveling mode is performed. When a positive determination is made in S3, that is, when the traveling mode is the gear traveling mode, S4 that corresponds to the functions of the switching target turbine rotational speed calculation unit 90 and the switching turbine rotational speed calculation unit 92 is executed. When a negative determination is made in S3, that is, when the traveling mode is the belt traveling mode, S5 that corresponds to the functions of the switching target turbine rotational speed calculation unit 90 and the switching turbine rotational speed calculation unit 92 is executed. In S4, the upshift turbine rotational speed n_{tup} is calculated by multiplying the actual output shaft rotational speed n_o of the output shaft 28 by the EL gear ratio γ_{EL} of the gear power transmission mechanism 22. The upshift target turbine rotational speed n_{t^*up} ($n_{t^*up} = n_{t^*up}$) for the upshift, which switches the torque transmission path from the second transmission path to the first transmission path, is calculated. In S5, the downshift turbine rotational speed n_{tdw} is calculated by the actual output shaft rotational speed n_o of the output shaft 28 from the power ON downshift turbine rotational speed calculation line L1 illustrated in FIG. 4 and FIG. 5. The downshift target turbine rotational speed n_{t^*dw} ($n_{t^*dw} = n_{t^*dw}$) for the downshift, which switches the torque transmission path from the first transmission path to the second transmission path, is calculated.

Next, S6 that corresponds to the function of the shift switching determination unit 94 is executed. In S6, a determination as to whether or not to perform the upshift, which switches the torque transmission path from the second transmission path to the first transmission path, is performed by using the upshift target turbine rotational speed n_{t^*up} calculated in S4 and the upshift turbine rotational speed n_{tup} . When a negative determination is made in S6, that is, when the upshift turbine rotational speed n_{tup} is less than or

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equal to the upshift target turbine rotational speed nt^{*up} , S1 is executed again. When a positive determination is made in S6, that is, when the upshift turbine rotational speed $ntup$ exceeds the upshift target turbine rotational speed nt^{*up} , S7 that corresponds to the function of the shift switching determination unit 94 is executed. In S7, the system state, that is, the traveling mode, acquired in S1 is changed to the belt traveling mode (traveling mode=belt traveling mode). Next, S8 that corresponds to the function of the clutch switching controller 96 is executed. In S8, a clutch-to-clutch shift that releases the forward traveling clutch Ca and engages the belt traveling clutch Cb is executed. Then, the meshing clutch D is released.

Next, S9 that corresponds to the function of the shift switching determination unit 94 is executed. In S9, a determination as to whether or not to perform the power ON downshift, which switches the torque transmission path from the first transmission path to the second transmission path, is performed by using the downshift target turbine rotational speed nt^{*dw} and the downshift turbine rotational speed $ntdw$ calculated in S5. When a negative determination is made in S9, that is, when the downshift turbine rotational speed $ntdw$ exceeds the downshift target turbine rotational speed nt^{*dw} , S1 is executed again. When a positive determination is made in S9, that is, when the downshift turbine rotational speed $ntdw$ is less than or equal to the downshift target turbine rotational speed nt^{*dw} , S10 that corresponds to the function of the shift switching determination unit 94 is executed. In S10, the system state, that is, the traveling mode, acquired in S1 is changed to the gear traveling mode (traveling mode=gear traveling mode). Next, S11 that corresponds to the function of the clutch switching controller 96 is executed. In S11, first, the meshing clutch D is engaged. Then, a clutch-to-clutch shift that engages the forward traveling clutch Ca and releases the belt traveling clutch Cb is executed.

Next, S12 that corresponds to the function of the clutch switching completion determination unit 98 is executed. In S12, a determination as to whether or not the clutch-to-clutch shift executed in S8 or S11 is completed is performed. When a negative determination is made in S12, S12 is executed again. When a positive determination is made in S12, S13 that corresponds to the function of the traveling state determination unit 100 is executed. In S13, a determination as to whether or not the actual traveling state of the vehicle is the belt traveling is performed from the actual engaged state of the belt traveling clutch Cb. When a positive determination is made in S13, that is, when the traveling state of the vehicle is the belt traveling, S14 that corresponds to the function of the target primary rotational speed calculation unit 102 is executed. When a negative determination is made in S13, that is, when the traveling state of the vehicle is the gear traveling, S15 that corresponds to the function of the target primary rotational speed calculation unit 102 is executed. In S14, the target turbine rotational speed nt^{*} calculated in S2 is set as the target primary rotational speed nin^{*} ($nin^{*}=nt^{*}$). In S15, the γ_{max} rotational speed $n_{\gamma max}$ that is set in advance to cause the shift ratio γ of the continuously variable transmission mechanism 20 to have the maximum shift ratio γ_{max} is set as the target primary rotational speed nin^{*} ($nin^{*}=n_{\gamma max}$).

Next, S16 that corresponds to the function of the CVT shift ratio controller 104 is executed. In S16, the target shift ratio γ^{*} is calculated based on the target primary rotational speed nin^{*} calculated in S14 or S15. The shift ratio γ of the continuously variable transmission mechanism 20 is controlled to have the calculated target shift ratio γ^{*} .

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FIG. 5 is a diagram illustrating a state in which the upper limit guard value G_{max} (rpm) and the lower limit guard value G_{min} (rpm) are set during traveling of the vehicle, and, for example, the switching control process switching from the gear traveling to the belt traveling or from the belt traveling to the gear traveling is executed based on the flowchart illustrated in FIG. 6. In FIG. 5, the accelerator operation amount Acc is, for example, 20% when the switching control process switching from the gear traveling to the belt traveling is executed. The accelerator operation amount Acc is, for example, 100% when the switching control process switching from the belt traveling to the gear traveling is executed. FIG. 4 is a comparative diagram to FIG. 5 and illustrates when the upper limit guard value G_{max} (rpm) and the lower limit guard value G_{min} (rpm) are not set during traveling of the vehicle.

When switching is made from the gear traveling to the belt traveling, that is, when the upshift which switches the torque transmission path from the second transmission path to the first transmission path is performed, the base target turbine rotational speed ntb^{*} is calculated as a base target turbine rotational speed ntb^{*20} from the relationship map illustrated in FIG. 4 in S2 of the flowchart in FIG. 6 since the accelerator operation amount Acc is 20%. The calculated base target turbine rotational speed ntb^{*20} is lower than the lower limit guard value G_{min} as illustrated in FIG. 5. Thus, the lower limit guard value G_{min} is set as a target turbine rotational speed nt^{*1} . In S4 of the flowchart in FIG. 6, the target turbine rotational speed nt^{*1} set in S2 is set as an upshift target turbine rotational speed nt^{*up1} (refer to FIG. 5) for the upshift. When switching is made from the gear traveling to the belt traveling from S6 through S8 and S12 of the flowchart in FIG. 6, that is, when the torque transmission path is switched from the second transmission path to the first transmission path, the target turbine rotational speed nt^{*1} set in S2 is set as a target primary rotational speed nin^{*1} (refer to FIG. 5) in S14 of the flowchart in FIG. 6. Accordingly, when the torque transmission path is switched from the second transmission path to the first transmission path, the difference between the upshift target turbine rotational speed nt^{*up1} (rpm) and the target primary rotational speed nin^{*1} (rpm) is suitably decreased.

FIG. 5 illustrates a comparative example in which the upshift target turbine rotational speed nt^{*up} and the target primary rotational speed nin^{*} are independently calculated by, for example, the output shaft rotational speed (vehicle speed) no and the accelerator operation amount Acc . In the comparative example, when the gear traveling is performed, the upshift target turbine rotational speed nt^{*up} is set as an upshift target turbine rotational speed nt^{*uph} (refer to FIG. 5) from the accelerator operation amount Acc of 20%. When the belt traveling is performed, the lower limit guard value G_{min} is set as the target primary rotational speed nin^{*1} in the same manner as the flowchart in FIG. 6 since, though the accelerator operation amount Acc is 20%, the target primary rotational speed set from the accelerator operation amount Acc of 20% is lower than the lower limit guard value G_{min} . Thus, when the torque transmission path is switched from the second transmission path to the first transmission path, the difference between the upshift target turbine rotational speed nt^{*uph} (rpm) and the target primary rotational speed nin^{*1} (rpm) in the comparative example illustrated in FIG. 5 is greater than the difference between the upshift target turbine rotational speed nt^{*up1} (rpm) and the target primary rotational speed nin^{*1} (rpm) set by the flowchart in FIG. 6. A solid line L2 illustrated in FIG. 5 is a line illustrating the actual turbine rotational speed nt of the turbine shaft 32.

When the torque transmission path is switched from the second transmission path to the first transmission path, the difference between the actual turbine rotational speed nt of the turbine shaft **32** at a switching start time point **A1** and the actual turbine rotational speed nt of the turbine shaft **32** at a switching completion time point **A2** is reduced further than the comparative example in FIG. 5. A broken line **L3** illustrated in FIG. 5 is a line illustrating the actual turbine rotational speed nt of the turbine shaft **32** when the upshift target turbine rotational speed nt^*_{up} and the target primary rotational speed nin^*1 set by the comparative example in FIG. 5 are used.

When switching is made from the belt traveling to the gear traveling, that is, when the downshift which switches the torque transmission path from the first transmission path to the second transmission path is performed, the base target turbine rotational speed ntb^* is calculated as a base target turbine rotational speed ntb^*100 from the relationship map illustrated in FIG. 4 in **S2** of the flowchart in FIG. 6 since the accelerator operation amount Acc is 100%. The calculated base target turbine rotational speed ntb^*100 is higher than the upper limit guard value $Gmax$ as illustrated in FIG. 5. Thus, the upper limit guard value $Gmax$ is set as a target turbine rotational speed nt^*2 . In **S5** of the flowchart in FIG. 6, the target turbine rotational speed nt^*2 set in **S2** is set as the downshift target turbine rotational speed nt^*dw (refer to FIG. 5) for the downshift. When switching is made from the belt traveling to the gear traveling from **S9** through **S12** of the flowchart in FIG. 6, that is, when the torque transmission path is switched from the first transmission path to the second transmission path, the target turbine rotational speed nt^*2 set in **S2** is set as an upshift target turbine rotational speed nt^*up2 (refer to FIG. 5) for the upshift in **S4** of the flowchart in FIG. 6. Accordingly, when the torque transmission path is switched from the first transmission path to the second transmission path, the difference between the actual turbine rotational speed nt of the turbine shaft **32** at a switching start time point **B1** and the actual turbine rotational speed nt of the turbine shaft **32** at a switching completion time point **B2** is suitably reduced.

As described above, according to the electronic control unit **34** of the drive system **12** of the first embodiment, the target turbine rotational speed nt^* restricted in a range of the upper limit guard value $Gmax$ of the turbine rotational speed nt in the gear power transmission mechanism **22** to the lower limit guard value $Gmin$ of the turbine rotational speed nt in the continuously variable transmission mechanism **20** is calculated. The switching target turbine rotational speed for switching between the first transmission path and the second transmission path and the target primary rotational speed nin^* for controlling the shift ratio of the continuously variable transmission mechanism **20** are calculated based on the target turbine rotational speed nt^* . Thus, since the switching target turbine rotational speed and the target primary rotational speed nin^* are calculated based on the target input shaft rotational speed nt^* restricted in a range of the upper limit guard value $Gmax$ to the lower limit guard value $Gmin$, the difference between the switching target turbine rotational speed and the target primary rotational speed nin^* is suitably decreased. When switching is made between the first transmission path and the second transmission path, the difference between the actual turbine rotational speed nt of the turbine shaft **32** at the switching start time point and the actual turbine rotational speed nt of the turbine shaft **32** at the switching completion time point is reduced.

According to the electronic control unit **34** of the drive system **12** of the first embodiment, the base target turbine rotational speed ntb^* is calculated based on the actual output shaft rotational speed no and the actual accelerator operation amount Acc from the relationship map in which the relationship between the output shaft rotational speed no and the base target turbine rotational speed ntb^* is set in advance and stored with the accelerator operation amount Acc as a parameter. When the base target turbine rotational speed ntb^* is lower than the lower limit guard value $Gmin$, the lower limit guard value $Gmin$ is set as the target turbine rotational speed nt^* . When the base target turbine rotational speed ntb^* is higher than the upper limit guard value $Gmax$, the upper limit guard value $Gmax$ is set as the target turbine rotational speed nt^* . When the base target turbine rotational speed ntb^* is greater than or equal to the lower limit guard value $Gmin$ and less than or equal to the upper limit guard value $Gmax$, the base target turbine rotational speed ntb^* is set as the target turbine rotational speed nt^* . Thus, the target turbine rotational speed nt^* is restricted in a range of the upper limit guard value $Gmax$ to the lower limit guard value $Gmin$.

According to the electronic control unit **34** of the drive system **12** of the first embodiment, the target primary rotational speed nin^* is the target turbine rotational speed nt^* . Thus, the target primary rotational speed nin^* can be easily calculated from the target turbine rotational speed nt^* .

According to the electronic control unit **34** of the drive system **12** of the first embodiment, the switching target turbine rotational speed is the upshift target turbine rotational speed nt^*up for the upshift which switches the torque transmission path from the second transmission path to the first transmission path. The upshift is performed when the upshift turbine rotational speed $ntup$ exceeds the upshift target turbine rotational speed nt^*up . Thus, when the torque transmission path is switched from the second transmission path to the first transmission path, the difference between the actual turbine rotational speed nt of the turbine shaft **32** at the switching start time point **A1** and the actual turbine rotational speed nt of the turbine shaft **32** at the switching completion time point **A2** is suitably reduced.

According to the electronic control unit **34** of the drive system **12** of the first embodiment, the upshift target turbine rotational speed nt^*up is the target turbine rotational speed nt^* . Thus, the upshift target turbine rotational speed nt^*up can be easily calculated from the target turbine rotational speed nt^* .

According to the electronic control unit **34** of the drive system **12** of the first embodiment, the downshift target turbine rotational speed nt^*dw is the target turbine rotational speed nt^* . Thus, the downshift target turbine rotational speed nt^*dw can be easily calculated from the target turbine rotational speed nt^* .

Next, a second embodiment of the present disclosure will be described. Common parts in the first embodiment and the second embodiment will be designated by the same reference signs and will not be described.

FIG. 7 is a diagram describing an electronic control unit of the drive system **12** of a second embodiment of the present disclosure. The electronic control unit of the present embodiment is approximately the same as the electronic control unit **34** of the first embodiment except that the clutch switching controller **96** in FIG. 3 has an additional function, compared to the electronic control unit **34** of the first embodiment.

When the traveling mode determination unit **86** determines that the traveling mode is the belt traveling, and the

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clutch switching controller **96** determines that the power ON traveling in which the accelerator pedal (accelerator) is stepped on to increase the base target turbine rotational speed ntb^* (rpm) above the upper limit guard value G_{max} (rpm) is performed, and the clutch switching controller **96** determines that the downshift turbine rotational speed $ntdw$ (rpm) calculated by the switching turbine rotational speed calculation unit **92** is less than the downshift target turbine rotational speed nt^*dw (rpm) calculated by the switching target turbine rotational speed calculation unit **90** ($nt^*dw < ntdw$), the clutch switching controller **96** prohibits execution of a clutch-to-clutch shift that engages the forward traveling clutch Ca and releases the belt traveling clutch Cb , that is, switching of the torque transmission path from the first transmission path to the second transmission path.

FIG. 7 is a flowchart describing one example of a control operation in the electronic control unit of the second embodiment when the accelerator pedal is stepped on during traveling in, for example, the belt traveling mode.

In the flowchart in FIG. 7, in **S20** that corresponds to the function of the clutch switching controller **96**, a determination is performed as to whether or not the power ON traveling in which the accelerator pedal is stepped on to increase the base target turbine rotational speed ntb^* (rpm) above the upper limit guard value G_{max} (rpm) is performed. When a positive determination is made in **S20**, a determination as to whether or not the downshift target turbine rotational speed nt^*dw (rpm) is less than the downshift turbine rotational speed $ntdw$ (rpm) ($nt^*dw < ntdw$) is performed in **S21** that corresponds to the function of the clutch switching controller **96**. When a positive determination is made in **S21**, execution of a clutch-to-clutch shift that engages the forward traveling clutch Ca and releases the belt traveling clutch Cb , that is, switching of the torque transmission path from the first transmission path to the second transmission path, is prohibited in **S22** that corresponds to the function of the clutch switching controller **96**. When a negative determination is made in **S20** or **S21**, **S1** in FIG. 6, for example, is executed.

As described above, according to the electronic control unit of the drive system **12** of the second embodiment, the switching target turbine rotational speed is the downshift target turbine rotational speed nt^*dw for the downshift which switches the torque transmission path from the first transmission path to the second transmission path. The downshift is performed when the downshift turbine rotational speed $ntdw$ that is acquired by the actual output shaft rotational speed no of the output shaft **28** from the power ON downshift turbine rotational speed calculation line **L1** stored in advance is less than or equal to the downshift target turbine rotational speed nt^*dw . When the accelerator pedal is stepped on to increase the base target turbine rotational speed ntb^* above the upper limit guard value G_{max} , and the downshift turbine rotational speed $ntdw$ is greater than the downshift target turbine rotational speed nt^*dw , switching of the torque transmission path from the first transmission path to the second transmission path is prohibited. Thus, while the base target turbine rotational speed ntb^* corresponding to the accelerator operation amount Acc is calculated when the accelerator pedal is stepped on to increase the base target turbine rotational speed ntb^* above the upper limit guard value G_{max} , the downshift target turbine rotational speed nt^*dw is restricted by the upper limit guard value G_{max} . Thus, the downshift target turbine rotational speed nt^*dw is decreased below the downshift turbine rotational speed $ntdw$. Accordingly, even when the accelerator pedal is stepped on to increase the base target input shaft rotational

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speed ntb^* above the upper limit guard value G_{max} , the torque transmission path is not switched from the first transmission path to the second transmission path. Thus, a change in the behavior of the turbine rotational speed nt of the turbine shaft **32** can be suitably reduced.

While the first and second embodiments of the present disclosure are heretofore described in detail based on the drawings, the present disclosure is applied to other aspects than the first and second embodiments.

For example, while the continuously variable transmission mechanism **20** is a belt CVT including the primary pulley **60**, the secondary pulley **58**, and the power transmission belt **62** wound between the pulleys **58**, **60** in the first and second embodiments, a continuously variable transmission mechanism such as a toroidal CVT may be used.

While the gear power transmission mechanism **22** has one gear ratio, that is, the EL gear ratio γ_{EL} , in the first and second embodiments, the structure of the gear power transmission mechanism **22** may be changed to a multi-gear transmission type having, for example, two or more gear ratios.

While, in the first and second embodiments, the base target turbine rotational speed ntb^* is calculated based on the actual output shaft rotational speed no and the actual accelerator operation amount Acc from the relationship map in which the relationship between the output shaft rotational speed no and the base target turbine rotational speed ntb^* is set in advance and stored with the accelerator operation amount Acc as a parameter, the base target turbine rotational speed ntb^* may be calculated based on the actual output shaft rotational speed no and the actual accelerator operation amount Acc from, for example, a formula stored in advance.

While the EL gear ratio γ_{EL} based on the second transmission path is set to a value greater than the maximum shift ratio γ_{max} of the continuously variable transmission mechanism **20** in the first and second embodiments, the EL gear ratio γ_{EL} , for example, may be set to a value less than a minimum shift ratio γ_{min} of the continuously variable transmission mechanism **20**.

While the target primary rotational speed calculation unit **102** sets the target primary rotational speed nin^* to the target turbine rotational speed nt^* ($nt^* = nin^*$) in the first and second embodiments, the target primary rotational speed nin^* does not have to be set to the target turbine rotational speed nt^* . For example, the target primary rotational speed nin^* may be set to a value acquired by increasing or decreasing the target turbine rotational speed nt^* by a predetermined value. Alternatively, the target primary rotational speed nin^* may be set to a value acquired by substituting the target turbine rotational speed nt^* in a formula set in advance. That is, the target primary rotational speed nin^* may be calculated based on the target turbine rotational speed nt^* .

While the switching target turbine rotational speed calculation unit **90** sets the upshift target turbine rotational speed nt^*up and the downshift target turbine rotational speed nt^*dw to the target turbine rotational speed nt^* ($nt^* = nt^*up = nt^*dw$) in the first and second embodiments, the upshift target turbine rotational speed nt^*up and the downshift target turbine rotational speed nt^*dw do not have to be set to the target turbine rotational speed nt^* . For example, the upshift target turbine rotational speed nt^*up and the downshift target turbine rotational speed nt^*dw may be set to a value acquired by increasing or decreasing the target turbine rotational speed nt^* by a predetermined value. Alternatively, the upshift target turbine rotational speed nt^*up and the downshift target turbine rotational speed

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nt*dw may be set to a value acquired by substituting the target turbine rotational speed nt* in a formula set in advance. That is, the upshift target turbine rotational speed nt*up and the downshift target turbine rotational speed nt*dw may be calculated based on the target turbine rotational speed nt*.

While the switching turbine rotational speed calculation unit 92 calculates the upshift turbine rotational speed ntup (rpm) by multiplying the actual output shaft rotational speed no of the output shaft 28 by the EL gear ratio γ_{EL} of the gear power transmission mechanism 22 in the first and second embodiments ($ntup=no \times \gamma_{EL}$), the actual turbine rotational speed nt (rpm), for example, detected from the turbine rotational speed sensor 76 may be used instead of the upshift turbine rotational speed ntup (rpm).

The embodiments are for illustrative purposes, and the present disclosure can be embodied in various modified or improved forms based on the knowledge of those skilled in the art.

What is claimed is:

1. A control device for a vehicle drive system, the vehicle drive system including, between an input shaft to which torque output from a drive power source is transmitted and an output shaft outputting torque to a drive wheel of a vehicle, a continuously variable transmission mechanism, a gear power transmission mechanism having at least one gear ratio, and a clutch mechanism configured to selectively switch between a first transmission path through which the torque transmitted to the input shaft is transmitted to the output shaft via the continuously variable transmission mechanism and a second transmission path through which the torque transmitted to the input shaft is transmitted to the output shaft via the gear power transmission mechanism, the control device comprising an electronic control unit configured to:

- (i) selectively switch between the first transmission path and the second transmission path in accordance with a traveling state of a vehicle,
- (ii) calculate a target input shaft rotational speed, the target input shaft rotational speed being restricted in a range between an upper limit guard value of a rotational speed of the input shaft in the gear power transmission mechanism and a lower limit guard value of the rotational speed of the input shaft in the continuously variable transmission mechanism, and
- (iii) calculate a switching target input shaft rotational speed and a continuously variable transmission target primary rotational speed, the switching target input shaft rotational speed being for switching between the first transmission path and the second transmission path and the continuously variable transmission target primary rotational speed being for controlling a shift ratio of the continuously variable transmission mechanism based on the target input shaft rotational speed.

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2. The control device according to claim 1, wherein the electronic control unit is configured to:

- (i) calculate a base target input shaft rotational speed based on a vehicle speed and an accelerator operation amount from a relationship stored in advance,
- (ii) set the lower limit guard value as the target input shaft rotational speed when the base target input shaft rotational speed is lower than the lower limit guard value,
- (iii) set the upper limit guard value as the target input shaft rotational speed when the base target input shaft rotational speed is higher than the upper limit guard value, and
- (iv) set the base target input shaft rotational speed as the target input shaft rotational speed when the base target input shaft rotational speed is greater than or equal to the lower limit guard value and less than or equal to the upper limit guard value.

3. The control device according to claim 1, wherein the continuously variable transmission target primary rotational speed is the target input shaft rotational speed.

4. The control device according to claim 1, wherein the switching target input shaft rotational speed is an upshift target input shaft rotational speed for switching a torque transmission path from the second transmission path to the first transmission path, and the electronic control unit is configured to perform an upshift when the actual rotational speed of the input shaft exceeds the upshift target input shaft rotational speed.

5. The control device according to claim 4, wherein the upshift target input shaft rotational speed is the target input shaft rotational speed.

6. The control device according to claim 2, wherein the switching target input shaft rotational speed is a downshift target input shaft rotational speed for switching a torque transmission path from the first transmission path to the second transmission path, and the electronic control unit is configured to:

- (i) perform a downshift when a downshift input shaft rotational speed acquired by an actual rotational speed of the output shaft from a downshift input shaft rotational speed calculation line stored in advance is less than or equal to the downshift target input shaft rotational speed,
- (ii) allow an accelerator to be stepped on to increase the base target input shaft rotational speed above the upper limit guard value, and
- (iii) prohibit switching of a torque transmission path from the first transmission path to the second transmission path, when the downshift input shaft rotational speed is less than the downshift target input shaft rotational speed.

7. The control device according to claim 6, wherein the downshift target input shaft rotational speed is the target input shaft rotational speed.

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